



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**REGION 10**  
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Reply To Attn Of: ECO-087

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and in cooperation with the Columbia Basin Tribes, I invite you to participate in the fourth set of an ongoing series of workshops designed to share information on the development of the Preliminary Draft Columbia/Snake River Mainstem Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and an update on the TMDLs for Columbia/Snake River Mainstem total dissolved gas (TDG).

We are holding three workshops. See below for dates, time and location. An agenda for each of these workshops is enclosed. Please attend whichever session is most appropriate and/or convenient.

September 25, 2002  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Red Lion Hotel  
621 21st Street  
Lewiston, Idaho

September 26, 2002  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Washington Department of Ecology  
- Kennewick Office  
1315 W. 4th Ave  
Kennewick, WA

October 1, 2002  
12:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
Oregon State Office Building  
Room 120  
800 NE Oregon Street  
Portland, OR

The purpose of the workshops is to provide information on the TDG and temperature TMDLs being developed for the Columbia/Snake River Mainstem, and to receive informal feedback on the current work effort. Topics to be discussed include the draft preliminary temperature TMDL and TDG TMDL process and schedule. The workshops will conclude with an interactive discussion of the workshop topics and an opportunity for participants to informally comment on the TMDL process. The preliminary draft temperature TMDL for the Columbia/Snake River Mainstem should be available around September 13, 2002, on the EPA Columbia River/Snake River Mainstem TMDL website. We encourage participants to familiarize themselves with past and present workshop materials by visiting the EPA website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/columbiainstemtmdl.htm>

If you will be able to attend one of these workshops, or if you need additional information, please contact Amber Parara at your earliest convenience. She can be reached at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Oregon Operations Office at (503) 326-3250, or by e-mail at [parara.amber@epa.gov](mailto:parara.amber@epa.gov). We can then provide you more specific information and directions.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Soscia  
Columbia River Coordinator

Enclosures: Meeting Agendas  
TMDL Fact Sheet